Availing of the Technology Upgradation Fund

1510. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any representation from the State of Kerala to relax the conditions specified for availing the Technology Upgradation Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken in this regard; and

(d) whether the Government will scale down the existing hank yarn obligation from 50 per cent to 30 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c) Government had received representations from the State of Kerala for inclusion of spinning sector under the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS). Government has already extended the coverage of the TUFS to the spinning sector alongwith creation of down stream value addition of matching capacity as per the norms of the scheme. One representation was recently received from Government of Kerala for co-option of Kerala Industrial Revitalisation Fund as a PLI under TUFS, which could not be agreed to since only banks and financial institutions can be co-opted under TUFS.

(b) As on date, there is no proposal to scale down the hank yarn obligation from 50% to 30%.

Export of Textile Items

1511. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the textile items presently being exported;

(b) the foreign exchange earned by the Government by exporting these textile items during last three years; and